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SUBJ: NAVAL FACILITIES IN TANZANIA

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1. ALTHOUGH I APPRECIATE THAT REFTEL IS DIRECTED TO WASHINGTON, SENSITIVITY OF SUBJECT IS SUCH THAT I WOULD BE DERELICT IN NOT EXPRESSING VIEW FROM DAR ES SALAAM. SHOULD WE PROVIDE GOP WITH SPECIFIC ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY PORTUGUESE CHARGE IN TANANARIVE, I BELIEVE WE WOULD BE SETTING DANGEROUS PRECEDENT WHICH WILL ONE DAY BE REGRETTEED. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT KEY TANZANIANS ALREADY SUSPECT THAT WE ARE PASSING INTELLIGENCE ON TANZANIA TO PORTUGAL. BUT SHOULD WE IN FACT BEGIN PASSING SUCH INFORMATION AND SHOULD TANZANIANS EVER BE ABLE CONFIRM THIS FACT, OUR POSITION IN TANZANIA WILL BECOME MOST DIFFICULT. I SUSPECT, IN TURN, THAT ADVANTAGE GAINED WITH PORTUGAL BY PASSING INFORMATION WOULD BE SLIGHT.

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2. I ALSO FIND IT CURIOUS THAT REQUEST EMANATES FROM

PORTUGUESE CHARGE IN TANANARIVE. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT ANY CAREFULLY COORDINATED REQUEST OF SUCH SENSITIVITY WOULD NORMALLY COME EITHER THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN LISBON OR VIA PORTUGAL'S EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

3. I ASSUME THAT IN CONTEXT OF NATO ALLIANCE THERE IS SHARING OF INTELLIGENCE TO MUTUAL ADVANTAGE OF US AND PORTUGAL. I QUESTION, HOWEVER, WHETHER IT IS IN OUR LONG-TERM INTEREST TO EXTEND THIS SHARING OF INTELLIGENCE ON INDEPENDENT AFRICAN NATIONS SUCH AS TANZANIA.

4. IN CONCLUSION, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND AGAINST PASSING OF THIS INFO TO PORTUGAL. CARTER

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